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REPORT

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HEALTH PHYSICIAN

OF THE

CITY OF NEWARK,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT PHYSICIANS

TO THE

BOARD OF HEALTH.

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# Dispensary Board.

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## HOUSE PHYSICIANS.

E. P. NICHOLS, M.D.

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The Dispensary is open daily (Sundays excepted) from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Attending Physicians' hours, from 12 M. to 2 P.M.

## Plan of Organization.

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THE DISPENSARY BOARD shall consist of the Board of Health of the City of Newark, the Consulting, Attending, and House Physicians.

The OBJECT shall be medical charity, furnishing gratuitously medical advice and medicines to the poor of this city.

The OFFICERS shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The PRESIDENT shall be his Honor the Mayor of this city, *ex-officio*, who shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of both, the members present shall choose a President, *pro tempore*.

The SECRETARY shall keep all minutes of meetings, compile all statistics, and preserve all papers and books belonging to the Board, and shall report quarterly to the Board, or oftener if required by them.

The TREASURER shall receive all moneys paid by subscription, or otherwise, and shall pay the same by order of the Board.

The MEETINGS of the Board shall be held quarterly on the second Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October.

SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called on application of any five members, addressed to either of the House Physicians, notice of which shall be given to the Secretary, by posting said notice in the Dispensary for three days prior to the proposed meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS shall be held by ballot at the regular meeting in January.

HOUSE PHYSICIANS. Two House Physicians shall be ap-



pointed by the Board, who shall classify all patients, and assign them to the several different departments. But any Attending Physician may send from his department any patient, that, in his judgment, is not rightly assigned. In cases of emergency, either of the House Physicians may prescribe.

They shall also have charge of the Vaccine department.

The DISEASES shall be classed as follows:

Male and Female, Eye and Ear, and Vaccine departments.

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS. These classes shall be assigned to the corps of Attending Physicians, as follows:

*Male Department*—Drs. M. Baldwin, A. N. Dougherty, E. D. G. Smith.

*Female Department*—Drs. C. Eyrich, J. A. Cross, A. W. Woodhull.

*Eye and Ear Department*—Dr. G. Grant.

*Vaccine Department*—Dr. E. P. Nichols.

The ATTENDANCE shall be daily, (Sundays excepted,) for Males from twelve M. to one P.M., for Females from one P.M. to two P.M.

The CORPS OF CONSULTING SURGEONS AND PHYSICIANS shall be as follows:

Dr. JOHN S. DARCY,

Dr. L. A. SMITH,

Dr. ABRAM COLES,

Dr. S. H. PENNINGTON,

Dr. J. B. JACKSON,

Dr. JOHN F. WARD.

Any VACANCY occurring in the Corps of Consulting Surgeons and Physicians shall be filled by the Dispensary Board, upon the application of two-thirds of the Attending Physicians.

Any ATTENDING PHYSICIAN failing to fulfil the duties of his position for the space of two weeks, unless he shall have addressed an excuse to one of the House Physicians, shall be considered as having resigned, and any vacancy may be filled by the Board of Health of this city, upon the petition of all the remaining Attending Physicians.

NO ARTICLE OR STATEMENT, commendatory, or otherwise, of the Dispensary, or name, or names, of any physician or person belonging to the Dispensary, shall be published without the consent of all the members present. And it shall be considered unworthy any physician to aid, or countenance, in any way, such publication. The general results, however, unattended by any name, may be published, with the approval of the Board.

THIS PLAN OF ORGANIZATION may be amended at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided, notice of such amendment has been posted in the Dispensary three days previous to said meeting, and notice has been given by the Secretary to the Board of Health and Consulting Staff.

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#### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR 1861.

*President*—MOSES BIGELOW, MAYOR, *ex-officio*.

*Vice-President*—J. A. CROSS, M. D.

*Secretary*—A. W. WOODHULL, M. D.

*Treasurer*—E. D. G. SMITH, M. D.

# Rules and Regulations

OF THE

## HOSPITAL COMMITTEE OF DISPENSARY BOARD.

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SEC. 1. The Hospital Committee shall have the entire medical management of the Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Committee shall meet on the first Tuesday in each month, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

SEC. 3. At the stated meeting, held in May of each year, there shall be elected a Chairman, Secretary, Curator, and such other officers as may be necessary.

SEC. 4. The House Physicians of the Dispensary shall be House Physicians of the Hospital Department, and shall keep a registry of all patients received into the Hospital.

SEC. 5. The Curator shall have charge of the cabinet and all surgical instruments and apparatus, and shall keep the same in proper order.

SEC. 6. No patient, whose case is incurable, or who may be unfit for hospital treatment, shall be admitted; nor shall any person be received with infectious or contagious disease.

SEC. 7. Every patient having acute disease shall be visited at least once a day, and oftener if requisite.

SEC. 8. Two Physicians shall attend at the Hospital, for the space of two months, and shall be selected in alphabetical order.

SEC. 9. In the absence of the Attending Physician, the House Physician may prescribe in case of emergency.

SEC. 10. If any Physician shall be prevented from attendance, he shall procure some other one of the hospital corps to attend in his absence.

SEC. 11. No capital operation shall be performed by an



Attending Physician without the approbation of at least two of the hospital corps, nor without inviting all the Physicians belonging to the Hospital, and the visiting committee of the Board of Health, if practicable, to be present at the operation.

SEC. 12. The Secretary shall prepare annually a table of all the cases admitted during the previous year; the name, age, nativity and occupation of the patient; the cause, history, termination and treatment of the disease; the name of the Attending Physician; and such other circumstances as may tend to illustrate the case.

SEC. 13. No Pathological specimens shall be removed from the Hospital.

SEC. 14. No visitor shall be admitted except by the consent of the Physician in attendance.

# Regulations

OF THE

## HOSPITAL COMMITTEE OF DISPENSARY BOARD.

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WHEREAS, For the proper management of the Hospital Department of the Newark City Dispensary, it is necessary that some action should be taken by this Board, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That a Visiting Committee be appointed by this Board, to consist of the Health Physician, one member of the "Committee on Public Health," of the Common Council, and the Mayor, *ex-officio*. Each member of said "Committee on Public Health" to hold office in such Visiting Committee for two months, and to serve in the order named on said Committee.

2. The duties of the Visiting Committee of the Board of Health, are as follows:

They shall have the general care and superintendence of the Hospital Department, and of all furniture and appurtenances which may be necessary to carry on said Department, together with the heating and ventilating the same, and shall keep an account of the expense thereof, and report the same every two months to the Board of Health.

3. They shall have power to appoint Nurses, Matron, etc., and to suspend any person, so employed by them, for misconduct or neglect of duty, and temporarily to supply such vacancy, until the Board of Health take action thereon.

4. They shall receive or reject patients who may apply for relief, or come recommended by a certificate of any Surgeon or Physician of the Hospital, as in their discretion they may deem advisable, having regard to the existing circumstances of the Hospital Department; but no one shall



be admitted until they have been examined by the Surgeon or Physician on duty at that time.

5. They shall have power to discharge, at their discretion, any patient reported to them by any Surgeon or Physician, as being disorderly, or who may otherwise misbehave.

6. They shall have power to make any order which, in the exigences of the case, they may deem necessary ; such order to be entered on their minutes.

7. They shall keep a book of minutes of their proceedings, which book shall be laid before the Board of Health, at its bi-monthly meetings.

8. The House Physician shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, report to the Visiting Committee any case of injury or accident which may have been admitted into the Hospital.

9. The Health Physician shall visit the Hospital Department at least three times a week, and oftener if necessary, and the Visiting Committee shall visit the same, at least once in each week ; the record of said visits to be entered on the minutes.

10. The Apothecary shall record all prescriptions and directions, regarding diet, regimen, etc., in a book to be kept for that purpose ; and shall inform the Health Physician if any extra supplies or liquors are to be provided.

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#### ORDER OF COMMITTEE, 1861.

FEBRUARY, MARCH, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER,

ALD. G. H. BRUEN,

*Residence—31 South Street.*

APRIL, MAY, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER,

ALD. H. A. WHITNEY,

*Residence—70 South Orange Avenue.*

JUNE, JULY, DECEMBER, JANUARY,

ALD. N. C. BALL,

*Residence—92 Commerce Street.*

## Report of the Health Physician.

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*To the Board of Health of the City of Newark :*

In presenting my Third Annual Report, in compliance with the ordinance establishing the Board of Health, I have much pleasure in reporting the general healthiness of the city for the past year, that no epidemics have prevailed to any great extent—and the sanitary condition of some localities have been much improved.

The cases of small pox which were reported, were promptly attended by the Health Inspector, and by the efficient action taken by that officer, acting under the direction of this Board, the spread of that disease was soon checked. But eighteen cases have been reported to the Board during the year. That there were cases which were not reported, I have no doubt, and would urge more efficient action therefore to have them accurately reported.

There appears to be an inclination on the part of some to avoid, if possible, reporting cases of small pox or varioloid, fearing that it might act to their prejudice, or make the house in which the disease occurs notorious, and thereby avoided. The occupants object, frequently, to have the notice attached to the building as the ordinance requires, and will tear the same down after it has been affixed by the Health Inspector.

They have in some instances been remonstrated with, and notice served, containing that Section of the Ordinance in detail, which applies to such notice, and the penalty attached thereto for breaking the same. In all cases which may come hereafter to the notice of the Board, it should be the decided action of this body, to take such measures and make such example as will suffice to maintain the Ordinance in its integrity.

Yet, with all these precautions, as far as the vigilance of the officers of the Board are concerned, other measures should be taken ; and stringent measures are the only ones that can be used to check the progress of this loathsome disease. Besides the isolation as much as possible—the removal from a crowded habitation—caution used in regard to exposure of clothes, excretions, etc.—the great preventative is *Vaccination*.

The subject of Public Vaccination has been much discussed through various portions of our own land, but it has been more thoroughly carried out in Great Britain. In that country Public Vaccination has been established as a law of the land, by an act of Parliament. By those laws it is made obligatory upon parents and guardians, that every child, its health permitting, shall be vaccinated at farthest, four months from birth ; and penalties made recoverable from the parent or guardian who refuse to fulfill the obligation.

The local arrangements made, are with medical men,



duly appointed by government, and who are fully qualified to attend to the duties imposed upon them.

They attend at certain hours, at certain places, and vaccinate all who apply, or are brought for that purpose. Vaccination to be effectual, must be performed by those who are thoroughly acquainted with all the stages and phenomena of the disease; and not by all persons, medical men—clergymen—amateurs—clari-voyants—druggists—old women, etc. No wonder that complaint is frequently made that it is of no use, or that diseases altogether foreign from the anticipated result are the consequences.

Among the many so called prejudices, there are some which represent a partial truth. They err only so far as attributing to vaccination, that which ought to be imputed to the vaccinator. “Considerable disturbance of health has often followed, sometimes to a dangerous and even fatal extent, the improper act of persons pretending to vaccinate; if all had been content to study the natural progress of the vaccine vesicle, and the different qualities of material which it furnishes at successive stages—or under accidental disturbances of its course—if all had thus known how to select lymph—and how to preserve it—had enquired into the healthiness of children proposed for vaccination, and refrained from vaccinating under unfavorable states of health; had been careful as to the condition of children from whom lymph was to be taken, and (though only out of concession to popular belief,) had refused to take lymph from unhealthy

subjects, little, very little, would have been heard of 'prejudices' against vaccination."

These remarks may express, in some degree, the feeling that frequently exists in our own community regarding vaccination. It remains then, with this Board, to recommend, or establish such rules as they may deem expedient for the protection of our citizens.

During the past year, nine hundred and twenty-nine cases have been treated at the Newark City Dispensary. By referring to the Report of the Secretary of the Dispensary Board, will be seen the tabulary statement of diseases, nativities, and ages. The Institution is now in a favorable condition, and is doing as much good as any other charitable institution of the city. It meets to some extent our wants of a City Hospital. And here I would urge upon this Board, to ask of the Common Council a liberal appropriation for the purpose of enabling the Board to make more extensive arrangements for carrying on the Hospital Department of the City Dispensary.

This department of the Dispensary was opened on the 10th day of December last by the liberality of the Common Council, who appropriated the money to the Board of Health to fit up apartments in the Dispensary building as accident wards.

It is not intended, nor would the present accommodations admit, of any case of illness being treated there. Although upon a small scale, still it will answer our purpose for the present. But it does not meet the demands, nor is it at all adequate for the

wants of this growing city. It is not alone for accidents that we require a Hospital, but we need one for sickness also.

Our city is a manufacturing one, our factories and work shops are kept in operation by busy throngs of workmen, many of whom have no families; besides, there are many apprentices whose parents or friends reside at some distance from the city. In case of sickness they have to depend upon the sympathies of their fellow-boarders, or upon the ministrations of a busy landlady. These attentions may be cheerfully given, but they do not equal those shown by a professional nurse. At a Hospital they would be the recipients of the skill of medical men of experience, careful nursing, proper diet, together with the quiet, cleanliness, and ventilation so necessary in sickness to produce a favorable result.

We need a Hospital for the stranger who may be taken sick among us—we need it for the poor and destitute—we need it to remove the stigma which rests upon our beautiful city, that although she has so many churches, grand in their proportions, beautiful in architecture—*yet she has no Hospital.*

Sanitary science may be considered as well worthy the attention of all who have at heart the benefit and well being of the community in which they live. It is as well the study of non-professional members of Boards of Health, as of the medical men who form component parts thereof. It should be the end and aim of all comprising the City Government, to under-



stand fully that the sanitary regulations of a city, are not among the *least* of other matters that attract their notice, and have place in their deliberations. The subject has attracted the attention of many enlightened minds, and the truths which have been developed and given to the world by the action of the National Sanitary Convention, are worthy of all credence, and well repay investigation.

These conventions have been held the last four years at the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York and Boston respectively. The proceedings of the last two years, by far the most important of any previous meetings, have been published. The facts there exhibited, and the necessity for active measures to be taken by Boards of Health, for the protection and preservation of the lives of citizens, are so clearly demonstrated, that they will be cordially approved by all who read them. The convention of this year, will meet at Cincinnati in the month of May—and it is to be desired, that this Board shall be fully represented.

I would also recommend to this Board, to ask the Common Council, to order such number as they may deem expedient, of the proceedings of the Boston Convention, for distribution among the members of Council and the Board of Health.

The reports of the District Physicians show they have faithfully attended to their duties.

Some of them show a large increase from the Report of the preceding year. As the District Phy-

sicians have a better opportunity of investigating, and more accurately ascertaining the amount of sickness in their district, I would propose to the Board, that the District Physicians be requested to append to their Report a medical topography of their respective districts, embracing, among other matters, the answers to the following interrogations :

1. State the character of the District, as to level, exposure, drainage and density of buildings?

2. State the source, and general supply of water to the District?

3. State as to the liabilities of the District to intermittent fever, diarrhœa or any other endemic disease?

4. State the number, and with what severity, did cases of sickness occur in dry and airy parts of the District, as compared with low and damp localities?

5. State the number, and with what severity, did cases of sickness occur in well constructed houses or rooms, as compared with houses or rooms, in which the atmosphere was offensive from defects of drainage, or from over-crowding, or non-ventilation or other kinds of uncleanness?

By such means, we shall obtain a complete topography of the city, as far as the Reports of the District Physicians are concerned; and these combined with observations made by other physicians will give us information that will be truly valuable. It is a circumstance which is frequently overlooked in relation to public health—that if each individual did that

which seems best to preserve his own comfort and convenience, without paying any regard to the community around him, each man would soon become the enemy of all; and anything which a well-meaning citizen does to remove impurities from his domain or household, would be only casting it upon his neighbors. In such cases protection against the selfishness of such persons is demanded. Indeed, in no age or country, boasting of civilization, has it been denied, that there must be some police regulations, for the protection of the public against the selfishness of individuals wherever men are gathered in large numbers; it is only when it has been proposed to systematize this necessity, and subject it to the operation of scientific skill, that an outcry has been raised about tyranny, and the interference with the rights of property.

By law each man's house is preserved to him in sanctity, it is considered as his, and no one can enter forcibly therein except in the name of the law. But this sanctity may be abused—it frequently is. It becomes necessary that legal measures should be taken, by which the officers of the law could have access if need be to the dwellings and workshops of those whom they thought, were violating any ordinance of the city. And it is particularly sanitary regulations, that are disregarded. Here the Board of Health have a plain duty to fulfil. They are the custodians of the Public Health. It is their duty—like that of the True Physician, not so much to cure disease, as to prevent it. If any severe epidemic occurs in our midst, through



our neglect or insufficiency—much—much will be required at our hands by an indignant populace. The building of tenement houses—the erection of workshops—the disposal of the dead, are as much under our charge as that of the disposition of offal—or the care and vigilance exercised that no epidemic gets foothold amongst us. Let us proceed judiciously, yet firmly, in the course marked out by the hand of Sanitary Science.

ISAAC A. NICHOLS, M.D.,

*Health Physician.*

The accompanying paper was handed to the Health Physician, and presented by him to the Board of Health, and ordered by them to be published with the other Reports :

The prevailing good health of the city has been shared in our vicinity. The summer and early fall months, presented but a small amount of disease, notwithstanding our great want of sewerage, the bad condition of our streets, and the worse condition of our tenement houses, which are usually inhabited from cellar to garret, each story containing one or more families. True, some of them have tenantless cellars or are without cellars, but these exceptions are where the nature of the ground will not permit a cellar, or where they are inundated by stagnant water.

To give an idea of tenements, I will detail the capacity for shelter, light and air, and the monthly rents of seven of them, taken from the poorest, the average and the best.

|                    | Rooms. | Windows. | Persons. | Families. | Rent<br>per month. |
|--------------------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| No. 1 contains . . | 13     |          | 24       | 6         | \$18 00            |
| No. 2 " . .        | 30     | 43       | 67       | 19        | 42 25              |
| No. 3 " . .        | 18     | 27       | 46       | 9         | 12 50              |
| No. 4 " . .        | 18     | 24       | 26       | 5         | 16 50              |
| No. 5 " . .        | 18     | 24       | 28       | 6         | 26 00              |
| No. 6 " . .        | 18     | 21       | 23       | 5         | 20 00              |
| No. 7 " . .        | 18     | 18       | 36       | 6         | 15 00              |
| Total . . .        | 133    | 157      | 250      | 56        | \$150 25           |

In No. 4, one room is occupied as a work-room, in which are employed ten persons, (not included in the table).

In No. 5, one room is occupied for the manufacture of cigars.

In No. 6, one room is occupied as a grocery, the rent of which is not included in the table.

Deduct the three rooms occupied for business, and we see by the above that two hundred and fifty persons occupy one hundred and thirty rooms, averaging one and twelve-thirteenth persons to the room, and two and nine-twenty-

eighths rooms to a family of four and thirteen twenty-eighths persons, and that the average is eight families for one house and yard, or thirty-three and six-sevenths persons.

In a sanitary point of view, we may ask the casual observer to stop and consider the effects upon the human economy of over four persons breathing the confined atmosphere of less than three small rooms, charged not only with the exhalations of unwashed bodies as well as clothing, but with the effluvia of the kitchen and the store-room, when the space occupied would not afford sufficient pure air for the same number of persons with nothing to contaminate it but the lungs of the occupants.

The palid, feeble, wasted form, and effeminate squalid sickly children of these abodes, speak the effects in unutterable language, and call to the sanitarian and the philanthropist to read it to the world, "at the corners of the streets and the high places." Too long has it been the theory of the philanthropist, that it is alone the want of bread that makes these blighted bodies; and charities, both public and private, have nobly sought to administer the remedy, but to the self-poisoning invalids of the tenemental laboratories, the hand of benevolence has not yet extended the proper antidote. If an unfortunate creature purchases a poison and either destroys himself or his neighbor with it, the sympathy or indignation of the community is aroused, as the sufferer chances to be either himself or his neighbor; and perhaps the druggist is severely censured, if perchance, he has not fully complied with the requirements of the law; but how different the emotions of the public, when whole families are generating their own poison, and consuming it in the atmosphere in which they exist. The civilized world dreads contagion, and will spare no pains to avoid it. It calls for Quarantine to shut out that species that may be carried from port to port. Our own City Government during our last visitation of small pox, judiciously ordered the infested dwellings labelled, that the lurking places of the fiend might



be avoided, and provided for the vaccination of the poor, that our citizens might be protected, and enabled to walk our streets with comparative safety. And yet, the mortality in all time from small-pox and imported disease, has not equalled the yearly mortality of the pestilential laboratories above described. But where it is generally known that in these self-same laboratories epidemics may emanate and become more virulent than contagion, when the peculiar condition of the atmosphere intensifies the poison and becomes a vehicle to communicate and spread it, the public mind would then regard it very differently. Then the will of self-preservation would rise paramount to the cupidity of the proprietors of these tenement institutions.

The prosperity of every city, demands regulations designating the material to be used in the erection of buildings, to lessen the liabilities of fire, and the destruction of property, and the justice of it is conceded. Is it not as consistent that every city should have regulations consistent with the laws of health, in regard to these same buildings? We are also prohibited from increasing our neighbor's liabilities to fire, by placing combustible material against his building; but with impunity we may put a pest-house next to him and endanger his health and life; thus our property is protected, but not our health and comforts. Again, the law will assist the landlord to secure his rent at any per cent. upon the value or cost of his tenement that he may bargain for, but it secures no comforts or conveniences to the tenant; he is left to the mercies of the landlord and his own pocket, and to get a shelter from necessity, seeks one where the weekly stipend is small, and even then we find him paying from fifteen to seventy per cent. upon the cost or value of his loathsome apartments, while our better class houses will rent only for from seven to fifteen per cent. upon their cost, which shows that even in a financial point of view, this unfortunate class of persons pay more for their miserable abodes than the more fortunate do for the comforts of the best houses.

But this is departing from the object of this paper, which is only to show the effect, and to call attention to the sacrifice of health and life of the illlighted, illventilated and overcrowded apartments of our tenement houses. It is the laws of health that I would discuss, and not of gain. It is of a growing evil to which I would call attention, if our city wishes to retain her position among the healthiest cities of the world.

# Report of Interments,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1860.

|                  |     |                  |      |
|------------------|-----|------------------|------|
| Men, . . . . .   | 280 | Girls, . . . . . | 731  |
| Boys, . . . . .  | 840 |                  |      |
| Women, . . . . . | 324 | Total, . . . . . | 2175 |

## AGES.

|                                  |     |                                    |    |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|----|
| One year and under, . . . . .    | 729 | Between 40 and 50 years, . . . . . | 75 |
| Between 1 and 2 years, . . . . . | 271 | “ 50 “ 60 “ . . . . .              | 91 |
| “ 2 “ 5 “ . . . . .              | 363 | “ 60 “ 70 “ . . . . .              | 64 |
| “ 5 “ 10 “ . . . . .             | 148 | “ 70 “ 80 “ . . . . .              | 36 |
| “ 10 “ 20 “ . . . . .            | 71  | 80 “ over, . . . . .               | 30 |
| “ 20 “ 30 “ . . . . .            | 158 | Unknown, . . . . .                 | 11 |
| “ 30 “ 40 “ . . . . .            | 128 |                                    |    |

## DISEASES.

| DISEASE.                           | NO. | DISEASE.                                | NO. |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Abdomen, Disease of, . . . . .     | 1   | Debility, . . . . .                     | 62  |
| Abscess, . . . . .                 | 5   | Delirium Tremens, . . . . .             | 4   |
| Anemia, . . . . .                  | 10  | Diabetes, . . . . .                     | 2   |
| Angina, . . . . .                  | 2   | Diarrhœa, . . . . .                     | 31  |
| Apoplexy, . . . . .                | 36  | Diphtheria, . . . . .                   | 11  |
| Asphyxia, . . . . .                | 27  | Dropsy, . . . . .                       | 57  |
| Asthma, . . . . .                  | 5   | Dropsy in the Head, . . . . .           | 39  |
| Atrophy, . . . . .                 | 20  | Dropsy in the Chest, . . . . .          | 14  |
| Bowels, Disease of, . . . . .      | 3   | Drowned, . . . . .                      | 10  |
| Brain, Disease of, . . . . .       | 8   | Dysentery, . . . . .                    | 15  |
| Bronchitis, . . . . .              | 20  | Epilepsy, . . . . .                     | 4   |
| Burns and Scalds, . . . . .        | 12  | Erysipelas, . . . . .                   | 15  |
| Cancer, . . . . .                  | 9   | Exhaustion, . . . . .                   | 4   |
| Carbuncle, . . . . .               | 1   | Execution, . . . . .                    | 1   |
| Casualties, . . . . .              | 15  | Fever, Bilious, . . . . .               | 2   |
| Catarrh, . . . . .                 | 2   | “ Congestive, . . . . .                 | 2   |
| Child-birth, . . . . .             | 3   | “ Continued, . . . . .                  | 1   |
| Cirrhosis, . . . . .               | 2   | “ Puerperal, . . . . .                  | 13  |
| Cholera, . . . . .                 | 1   | “ Intestinal, . . . . .                 | 1   |
| Cholera Infantum, . . . . .        | 138 | “ Nervous, . . . . .                    | 4   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .          | 3   | “ Scarlet, . . . . .                    | 233 |
| Coma, . . . . .                    | 2   | “ Typhus, . . . . .                     | 12  |
| Concussion of the Brain, . . . . . | 5   | “ Typhoid, . . . . .                    | 19  |
| Congestion, . . . . .              | 1   | “ Remittent, . . . . .                  | 3   |
| Congestion of the Brain, . . . . . | 88  | “ Intermittent, . . . . .               | 1   |
| Congestion of the Lungs, . . . . . | 43  | Heart, Disease of, . . . . .            | 30  |
| Congestion of the Liver, . . . . . | 1   | Heart, Disease of, Rheumatic, . . . . . | 2   |
| Consumption, . . . . .             | 247 | Heart, Disease of, Valvular, . . . . .  | 2   |
| Convulsions, . . . . .             | 208 | Heat (Coup de Soliel), . . . . .        | 1   |
| Convulsions, Puerperal, . . . . .  | 2   | Hæmorrhage, . . . . .                   | 9   |
| Croup, . . . . .                   | 54  | Hooping Cough, . . . . .                | 7   |
| Cyanosis, . . . . .                | 2   |                                         |     |

| DISEASE.                      | NO. | DISEASE.                        | NO. |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Inflammation, . . . . .       | 5   | Paralysis, . . . . .            | 17  |
| “ of Brain, . . . . .         | 13  | Phlebitis, . . . . .            | 1   |
| “ of the Bowels, . . . . .    | 53  | Poison, . . . . .               | 1   |
| “ of the Heart, . . . . .     | 1   | Pleurisy, . . . . .             | 1   |
| “ of the Kidneys, . . . . .   | 3   | Premature Birth, . . . . .      | 27  |
| “ of the Liver, . . . . .     | 2   | Scrofula, . . . . .             | 6   |
| “ of the Lungs, . . . . .     | 115 | Small Pox, . . . . .            | 5   |
| “ of the Stomach, . . . . .   | 5   | Spinal Disease, . . . . .       | 2   |
| “ of the Throat, . . . . .    | 6   | Spleen, Disease of, . . . . .   | 1   |
| “ of the Womb, . . . . .      | 7   | Stomach, Disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Jaundice, . . . . .           | 5   | Still-born, . . . . .           | 94  |
| Kidney, Disease of, . . . . . | 1   | Suicide, . . . . .              | 1   |
| Laryngitis, . . . . .         | 4   | Teething, . . . . .             | 9   |
| Liver, Disease of, . . . . .  | 3   | Tetanus, . . . . .              | 6   |
| Lungs, Disease of, . . . . .  | 3   | Throat, Disease of, . . . . .   | 2   |
| Malformation, . . . . .       | 1   | Thoracic Effusion, . . . . .    | 1   |
| Malpractice, . . . . .        | 1   | Tumor, . . . . .                | 1   |
| Marasmus, . . . . .           | 111 | Ulceration of Larynx, . . . . . | 1   |
| Measles, . . . . .            | 15  | Ulceration of Fauces, . . . . . | 1   |
| Meningitis, . . . . .         | 19  | Ulceration of Throat, . . . . . | 6   |
| Mortification, . . . . .      | 12  | Ulceration of Bowels, . . . . . | 2   |
| Neglect, . . . . .            | 1   | Unknown, . . . . .              | 2   |
| Old Age, . . . . .            | 11  | Uterus, Disease of, . . . . .   | 1   |

## PLACES OF NATIVITY.

|                                          |      |                                |     |
|------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-----|
| United States, . . . . .                 | 1740 | Holland, . . . . .             | 3   |
| Ireland, . . . . .                       | 182  | Germany, . . . . .             | 125 |
| England, . . . . .                       | 35   | Switzerland, . . . . .         | 1   |
| Scotland, . . . . .                      | 8    | British Possessions, . . . . . | 2   |
| Italy, . . . . .                         | 1    | Russia, . . . . .              | 1   |
| France, . . . . .                        | 8    | Unknown, . . . . .             | 68  |
| Of which number, were Colored, . . . . . |      |                                | 53  |

E. M. LEONARD,  
City Clerk.



# Reports of the District Physicians

TO THE

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

COMPRISING THE FIRST AND EIGHTH WARDS.

| DISEASE.                           | NO. | DISEASE.                               | NO. |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Abortion, . . . . .                | 2   | Fever, Intermittent, . . . . .         | 9   |
| Abscess, . . . . .                 | 3   | Fractures, . . . . .                   | 6   |
| Anemia, . . . . .                  | 2   | Haemorrhoids, . . . . .                | 1   |
| Angina Pectoris, . . . . .         | 1   | Heart, Disease of, . . . . .           | 1   |
| Apathæ, . . . . .                  | 4   | Headache, . . . . .                    | 5   |
| Apoplexy, . . . . .                | 2   | Hemorrhage, . . . . .                  | 4   |
| Bronchitis, . . . . .              | 22  | Hernia, . . . . .                      | 1   |
| Burns and Scalds, . . . . .        | 3   | Hip, Disease of, . . . . .             | 1   |
| Cancer, . . . . .                  | 1   | Hooping Cough, . . . . .               | 1   |
| Cancerum Oris, . . . . .           | 1   | Inflammation, . . . . .                | 3   |
| Carbuncle, . . . . .               | 1   | Inflammation of the Kidneys, . . . . . | 2   |
| Casualties, . . . . .              | 2   | Inflammation of the Lungs, . . . . .   | 5   |
| Catarrh, . . . . .                 | 5   | Insanity, . . . . .                    | 1   |
| Child-birth, . . . . .             | 11  | Laryngitis, . . . . .                  | 1   |
| Cholera Infantum, . . . . .        | 13  | Lumbago, . . . . .                     | 1   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .          | 17  | Marasmus, . . . . .                    | 3   |
| Colic, . . . . .                   | 5   | Measles, . . . . .                     | 47  |
| Concussion of the Brain, . . . . . | 3   | Meningitis Tubercular, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Constipation, . . . . .            | 2   | Neuralgia, . . . . .                   | 6   |
| Consumption, . . . . .             | 13  | Necrosis, . . . . .                    | 3   |
| Convulsions, . . . . .             | 3   | Paralysis, . . . . .                   | 1   |
| Croup, . . . . .                   | 3   | Paramenia, . . . . .                   | 12  |
| Cyanosis, . . . . .                | 1   | Pertusis, . . . . .                    | 16  |
| Debility, . . . . .                | 2   | Pleurisy, . . . . .                    | 4   |
| Delirium Tremens, . . . . .        | 4   | Quinsy, . . . . .                      | 6   |
| Diarrhœa, . . . . .                | 4   | Rheumatism, . . . . .                  | 21  |
| Diphtheria, . . . . .              | 4   | Scrofula, . . . . .                    | 1   |
| Dropsy, . . . . .                  | 7   | Skin, Disease of, . . . . .            | 16  |
| Dysentery, . . . . .               | 9   | Sprain, . . . . .                      | 3   |
| Dyspepsia, . . . . .               | 6   | Sprue, . . . . .                       | 1   |
| Epilepsy, . . . . .                | 2   | Teething, . . . . .                    | 1   |
| Erysipelas, . . . . .              | 11  | Throat, Disease of, . . . . .          | 3   |
| Eye, Disease of, . . . . .         | 3   | Tumor, . . . . .                       | 2   |
| Felon, . . . . .                   | 4   | Ulcer, . . . . .                       | 6   |
| Fever, Puerperal, . . . . .        | 1   | Uterus, Disease of, . . . . .          | 2   |
| “ Scarlet, . . . . .               | 28  | Vaccination, . . . . .                 | 2   |
| “ Typhus, . . . . .                | 2   | Varicose Veins, . . . . .              | 1   |
| “ Typhoid, . . . . .               | 12  | Worms, . . . . .                       | 11  |
| “ Remittent, . . . . .             | 15  | Wounds, . . . . .                      | 2   |
| No. of cases, . . . . .            |     |                                        | 479 |
| Deaths, . . . . .                  |     |                                        | 25  |

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District Physician.

**SECOND DISTRICT.**

COMPRISING THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH WARDS.

| DISEASE.                           | NO. | DISEASE.                       | NO. |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Abscess, . . . . .                 | 10  | Inflammation of the Bowels, .  | 1   |
| Apoplexy, . . . . .                | 3   | Inflammation of the Lungs, .   | 21  |
| Asphyxia, . . . . .                | 1   | Intemperance, . . . . .        | 4   |
| Bowels, disease of, . . . . .      | 1   | Insanity, . . . . .            | 4   |
| Brain, disease of, . . . . .       | 1   | Jaundice, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Bronchitis, . . . . .              | 4   | Kidney, disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Burns and Scalds, . . . . .        | 6   | Labor, . . . . .               | 14  |
| Cancer, . . . . .                  | 7   | Liver, disease of, . . . . .   | 1   |
| Casualties, . . . . .              | 10  | Marasmus, . . . . .            | 2   |
| Catarrh, . . . . .                 | 4   | Measles, . . . . .             | 25  |
| Cholera Infantum, . . . . .        | 11  | Meningitis, . . . . .          | 1   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .          | 3   | Mortification, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Congestion of the Lungs, . . . . . | 1   | Neuralgia, . . . . .           | 2   |
| Constipation, . . . . .            | 1   | Old Age, . . . . .             | 1   |
| Consumption, . . . . .             | 27  | Paralysis, . . . . .           | 2   |
| Convulsions, . . . . .             | 7   | Paramenia, . . . . .           | 3   |
| Convulsions Puerperal, . . . . .   | 2   | Piles, . . . . .               | 1   |
| Debility, . . . . .                | 2   | Poison, . . . . .              | 1   |
| Debility Infantum, . . . . .       | 2   | Pleurisy, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Delirium Tremens, . . . . .        | 13  | Premature Birth, . . . . .     | 4   |
| Diarrhoea, . . . . .               | 4   | Ptyalism, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Dropsy, . . . . .                  | 9   | Quinsy, . . . . .              | 1   |
| Dysentery, . . . . .               | 8   | Rheumatism, . . . . .          | 16  |
| Epilepsy, . . . . .                | 4   | Scrofula, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Erysipelas, . . . . .              | 4   | Skin, Disease of . . . . .     | 7   |
| Fever, Bilious, . . . . .          | 6   | Sprain, . . . . .              | 1   |
| “ Scarlet, . . . . .               | 24  | Stomach, disease of, . . . . . | 3   |
| “ Typhus, . . . . .                | 1   | Syphilis, . . . . .            | 1   |
| “ Typhoid, . . . . .               | 3   | Teething, . . . . .            | 1   |
| “ Remittent, . . . . .             | 13  | Throat, disease of, . . . . .  | 3   |
| “ Intermittent, . . . . .          | 9   | Ulcer, . . . . .               | 2   |
| Fractures, . . . . .               | 8   | Uterus, disease of, . . . . .  | 2   |
| Heart, disease of, . . . . .       | 6   | Vaccination, . . . . .         | 2   |
| Hemorrhage, . . . . .              | 7   | Worms, . . . . .               | 2   |
| Hooping Cough, . . . . .           | 3   | Wounds, . . . . .              | 16  |
| Hysteria, . . . . .                | 1   |                                |     |
| No. of cases, . . . . .            |     |                                | 406 |
| Deaths, . . . . .                  |     |                                | 7   |

ABRAM COLES, M.D.,  
District Physician.

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**THIRD DISTRICT.**

COMPRISING THE NINTH AND TENTH WARDS.

| DISEASE.                      | NO. | DISEASE.                    | NO. |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| Anemia, . . . . .             | 2   | Casualties, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Bowels, Disease of, . . . . . | 1   | Catarrh, . . . . .          | 3   |
| Bronchitis, . . . . .         | 2   | Cholera Infantum, . . . . . | 1   |

| DISEASE.                               | NO. | DISEASE.                       | NO. |
|----------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .              | 1   | Paramenia, . . . . .           | 1   |
| Congestion of the Liver, . . . . .     | 1   | Paronychia, . . . . .          | 1   |
| Conjunctivitis, . . . . .              | 1   | Pleurisy, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Consumption, . . . . .                 | 3   | Premature Birth, . . . . .     | 2   |
| Croup, . . . . .                       | 1   | Quinsy, . . . . .              | 4   |
| Diarrhœa, . . . . .                    | 1   | Rheumatism, . . . . .          | 13  |
| Dropsy, . . . . .                      | 1   | Skin, Disease of, . . . . .    | 10  |
| Dysentery, . . . . .                   | 3   | Small Pox, . . . . .           | 2   |
| Fever, Remittent, . . . . .            | 3   | Sprain, . . . . .              | 1   |
| Hysteria, . . . . .                    | 2   | Stomach, Disease of, . . . . . | 6   |
| Inflammation of the Bowels, . . . . .  | 3   | Ulcer, . . . . .               | 10  |
| Inflammation of the Kidneys, . . . . . | 1   | Uterus, Disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Inflammation of the Stomach, . . . . . | 2   | Worms, . . . . .               | 3   |
| Kidney, Disease of, . . . . .          | 1   | Wounds, . . . . .              | 1   |
| Neuralgia, . . . . .                   | 2   |                                |     |
| No. of patients, . . . . .             |     |                                | 100 |
| No. of calls, . . . . .                |     |                                | 349 |
| Deaths, . . . . .                      |     |                                | 3   |

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*District Physician.*

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

COMPRISING THE FIFTH AND TWELFTH WARDS.

| DISEASE.                      | NO. | DISEASE.                       | NO. |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Abscess, . . . . .            | 6   | Fever, Typhoid, . . . . .      | 1   |
| Asthma, . . . . .             | 1   | “ Remittent, . . . . .         | 1   |
| Bowels, disease of, . . . . . | 1   | “ Intermittent, . . . . .      | 9   |
| Burns and Scalds, . . . . .   | 1   | Fracture, . . . . .            | 2   |
| Catarrh, . . . . .            | 18  | Heart, disease of, . . . . .   | 1   |
| Child-birth, . . . . .        | 14  | Hemorrhage, . . . . .          | 2   |
| Chlorosis, . . . . .          | 1   | Hooping Cough, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Cholera Infantum, . . . . .   | 11  | Hysteria, . . . . .            | 3   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .     | 13  | Inflammation, . . . . .        | 1   |
| Colic, . . . . .              | 7   | “ of the Bowels, . . . . .     | 1   |
| Consumption, . . . . .        | 6   | “ of the Lungs, . . . . .      | 27  |
| Convulsions, . . . . .        | 7   | “ of the Stomach, . . . . .    | 3   |
| Croup, . . . . .              | 8   | Jaundice, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Debility, . . . . .           | 2   | Kidney, disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Delirium Tremens, . . . . .   | 4   | Marasmus, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Diarrhœa, . . . . .           | 7   | Measles, . . . . .             | 55  |
| Dropsy, . . . . .             | 4   | Paralysis, . . . . .           | 1   |
| Drowned, . . . . .            | 1   | Paramenia, . . . . .           | 1   |
| Dysentery, . . . . .          | 7   | Poison, . . . . .              | 1   |
| Epilepsy, . . . . .           | 4   | Premature Birth, . . . . .     | 5   |
| Erysipelas, . . . . .         | 5   | Rheumatism, . . . . .          | 10  |
| Fever, Bilious, . . . . .     | 3   | Scrofula, . . . . .            | 2   |
| “ Inflammatory, . . . . .     | 2   | Skin, disease of, . . . . .    | 8   |
| “ Scarlet, . . . . .          | 40  | Stomach, disease of, . . . . . | 2   |

| DISEASE.                      | NO. | DISEASE.               | NO. |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Syphilis, . . . . .           | 4   | Vaccination, . . . . . | 10  |
| Throat, disease of, . . . . . | 8   | Worms, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Tumor, . . . . .              | 1   | Wounds, . . . . .      | 31  |
| Uterus, disease of, . . . . . | 1   |                        |     |
| No. of cases, . . . . .       |     |                        | 358 |
| Deaths, . . . . .             |     |                        | 19  |

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### FIFTH DISTRICT.

COMPRISING THE SIXTH WARD.

| DISEASE.                           | NO. | DISEASE.                               | NO. |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Abscess, . . . . .                 | 5   | Heart, Disease of, . . . . .           | 2   |
| Anemia, . . . . .                  | 1   | Hemorrhage, . . . . .                  | 3   |
| Bowels, Disease of, . . . . .      | 2   | Hooping Cough, . . . . .               | 4   |
| Bronchitis, . . . . .              | 6   | Inflammation of the Bowels, . . . . .  | 2   |
| Burns and Scalds, . . . . .        | 1   | Inflammation of the Lungs, . . . . .   | 11  |
| Cancer, . . . . .                  | 2   | Inflammation of the Stomach, . . . . . | 2   |
| Catarrh, . . . . .                 | 8   | Inflammation of the Womb, . . . . .    | 1   |
| Chicken Pox, . . . . .             | 1   | Intemperance, . . . . .                | 1   |
| Child-birth, . . . . .             | 2   | Insanity, . . . . .                    | 2   |
| Cholera Infantum, . . . . .        | 1   | Jaundice, . . . . .                    | 1   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .          | 2   | Marasmus, . . . . .                    | 3   |
| Colic, . . . . .                   | 6   | Measles, . . . . .                     | 19  |
| Congestion of the Brain, . . . . . | 2   | Paralysis, . . . . .                   | 2   |
| Consumption, . . . . .             | 13  | Poison, . . . . .                      | 1   |
| Delirium Tremens, . . . . .        | 3   | Pleurisy, . . . . .                    | 2   |
| Diarrhoea, . . . . .               | 10  | Premature Birth, . . . . .             | 1   |
| Diphtheria, . . . . .              | 1   | Rheumatism, . . . . .                  | 8   |
| Dropsy, . . . . .                  | 1   | Skin, Disease of, . . . . .            | 7   |
| Dysentery, . . . . .               | 2   | Stomach, Disease of, . . . . .         | 2   |
| Fever, Bilious, . . . . .          | 10  | Syphilis, . . . . .                    | 2   |
| Fever, Scarlet, . . . . .          | 8   | Teething, . . . . .                    | 2   |
| Fever, Remittent, . . . . .        | 6   | Toothache, . . . . .                   | 4   |
| Fever, Intermittent, . . . . .     | 12  | Ulcer, . . . . .                       | 1   |
| Fracture, . . . . .                | 2   | Wounds, . . . . .                      | 10  |
| No. of cases, . . . . .            |     |                                        | 201 |
| Deaths, . . . . .                  |     |                                        | 23  |

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### SIXTH DISTRICT.

COMPRISING THE SEVENTH AND ELEVENTH WARDS.

| DISEASE.            | NO. | DISEASE.                      | NO. |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Abscess, . . . . .  | 1   | Bowels, disease of, . . . . . | 3   |
| Anemia, . . . . .   | 2   | Brain, disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Apoplexy, . . . . . | 1   | Bronchitis, . . . . .         | 3   |



| DISEASE.                     | NO. | DISEASE.                       | NO. |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Burns and Scalds, . . . . .  | 2   | Hysteria, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Casualties, . . . . .        | 2   | Inflammation of Eye, . . . . . | 1   |
| Catarrh, . . . . .           | 2   | “ of the Liver, . . . . .      | 3   |
| Child-birth, . . . . .       | 5   | “ of the Lungs, . . . . .      | 10  |
| Cholera Infantum, . . . . .  | 1   | “ of the Womb, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .    | 1   | Kidney, Disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Colic, . . . . .             | 3   | Marasmus, . . . . .            | 4   |
| Consumption, . . . . .       | 5   | Measles, . . . . .             | 5   |
| Convulsions, . . . . .       | 4   | Paralysis, . . . . .           | 2   |
| Croup, . . . . .             | 1   | Paramenia, . . . . .           | 4   |
| Debility, . . . . .          | 4   | Pleurisy, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Diarrhœa, . . . . .          | 2   | Premature Birth, . . . . .     | 1   |
| Dropsy, . . . . .            | 3   | Rheumatism, . . . . .          | 4   |
| Dysentery, . . . . .         | 1   | Scrofula, . . . . .            | 1   |
| Fever, Bilious, . . . . .    | 1   | Skin, disease of, . . . . .    | 1   |
| “ Scarlet, . . . . .         | 6   | Small-pox, . . . . .           | 7   |
| “ Typhoid, . . . . .         | 2   | Stomach, disease of, . . . . . | 2   |
| “ Remittent, . . . . .       | 2   | Teething, . . . . .            | 1   |
| “ Intermittent, . . . . .    | 6   | Throat, disease of, . . . . .  | 6   |
| Fracture, . . . . .          | 1   | Ulcer, . . . . .               | 2   |
| Heart, disease of, . . . . . | 1   | Uterus, disease of, . . . . .  | 1   |
| Hemorrhage, . . . . .        | 1   | Worms, . . . . .               | 6   |
| Hernia, . . . . .            | 1   | Wounds, . . . . .              | 1   |
| No. of cases, . . . . .      |     |                                | 139 |
| Deaths, . . . . .            |     |                                | 17  |

I respectfully submit the above, which, as will be seen, is not a full report of the past *year*, being an exhibit of the number of indigent sick persons visited, and administered to by me, with the nature of their diseases, the number of deaths, etc., since the 14th day of April, 1860, the date of my introduction into the office of District Physician for the Sixth District.

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*District Physician.*

# Annual Report

OF THE

## SECRETARY OF THE DISPENSARY BOARD.

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Whole number of patients treated since foundation, | 2665  |
| “ “ of patients treated in 1860,                   | 929   |
| “ “ born in United States,                         | 452   |
| “ “ born in Ireland,                               | 371   |
| “ “ born in Germany,                               | 35    |
| “ “ born in England,                               | 19    |
| “ “ born in Scotland,                              | 9     |
| “ “ born in Wales,                                 | 8     |
| “ “ born in Canada,                                | 5     |
| “ “ born in France,                                | 2     |
| “ “ born in Switzerland,                           | 2     |
| Not entered on Books,                              | 30    |
|                                                    | — 929 |
| Whole number of Males,                             | 387   |
| “ “ Females,                                       | 512   |
| “ “ not entered,                                   | 30    |
|                                                    | — 929 |
| “ “ white patients,                                | 878   |
| “ “ black patients,                                | 21    |
| “ “ not entered,                                   | 30    |
|                                                    | — 929 |

### AGES.

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Whole number less than 1 year, | 73    |
| “ “ between 1 and 5 years,     | 187   |
| “ “ “ 5 and 10 years,          | 116   |
| “ “ “ 10 and 20 years,         | 87    |
| “ “ “ 20 and 30 years,         | 91    |
| “ “ “ 30 and 40 years,         | 143   |
| “ “ “ 40 and 50 years,         | 119   |
| “ “ “ 50 and 60 years,         | 51    |
| “ “ “ 60 and 70 years,         | 28    |
| “ “ “ 70 and 80 years,         | 8     |
| “ “ “ 80 and 90 years,         | 1     |
| “ “ not entered,               | 30    |
|                                | — 929 |

### DISEASES TREATED.

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| Abscess,    | 5  | Anasarca,               | 1 |
| Acne,       | 1  | Aneurism of Aorta,      | 1 |
| Amaurosis,  | 1  | Aneurism of Carotid,    | 1 |
| Amenorrhœa, | 17 | Aneurism of Innominata, | 1 |
| Anæmia,     | 5  | Anus, Prolapsus of,     | 1 |

| DISEASE.                            | NO. | DISEASE.                              | NO. |
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| Apthæ, . . . . .                    | 5   | Gastralgia, . . . . .                 | 1   |
| Ascitis, . . . . .                  | 5   | Gastric Derangement, . . . . .        | 6   |
| Asthma, . . . . .                   | 3   | Gastric Irritation, . . . . .         | 15  |
| Bilious Derangement, . . . . .      | 9   | Glands, Enlargement of, . . . . .     | 4   |
| Brain, Congestion of, . . . . .     | 1   | Glaucaurea, . . . . .                 | 1   |
| Bright's Disease, . . . . .         | 1   | Granular Lids, . . . . .              | 4   |
| Bronchocele, . . . . .              | 1   | Gout, . . . . .                       | 2   |
| Bronchitis, . . . . .               | 94  | Gums, Ulceration of, . . . . .        | 1   |
| Bruise, . . . . .                   | 2   | Heart, Hypertrophy of, . . . . .      | 1   |
| Bubo, . . . . .                     | 1   | Heart, Palpitation of, . . . . .      | 6   |
| Burn, . . . . .                     | 4   | Heart, Valvular Disease of, . . . . . | 6   |
| Caries, . . . . .                   | 1   | Hæmoptisis, . . . . .                 | 3   |
| Cataract, Capsular, . . . . .       | 1   | Hæmorrhoids, . . . . .                | 4   |
| Cataract, Double, . . . . .         | 1   | Hepatalgia, . . . . .                 | 1   |
| Catarrh, Pulmonary, . . . . .       | 18  | Hernia, . . . . .                     | 4   |
| Cephalalgia, . . . . .              | 14  | Herpes, . . . . .                     | 6   |
| Cerumen inspissated, . . . . .      | 1   | Herpes, Circinatus, . . . . .         | 5   |
| Chillblain, . . . . .               | 1   | Herpes, Zoster, . . . . .             | 1   |
| Cholera Morbus, . . . . .           | 3   | Hip Disease, . . . . .                | 1   |
| Colic, . . . . .                    | 2   | Hordieolum, . . . . .                 | 3   |
| Conjunctivitis, . . . . .           | 20  | Hypochondria, . . . . .               | 2   |
| Constipation, . . . . .             | 40  | Hysteria, . . . . .                   | 1   |
| Convulsions, . . . . .              | 3   | Impetigo, . . . . .                   | 5   |
| Cornea, Ulcer of, . . . . .         | 1   | Incontinence of Urine, . . . . .      | 2   |
| Cornea, Vascularity of, . . . . .   | 1   | Injury, . . . . .                     | 7   |
| Corneitis, . . . . .                | 2   | Iritis, . . . . .                     | 2   |
| Coryza, . . . . .                   | 2   | Jaundice, . . . . .                   | 3   |
| Cough, . . . . .                    | 19  | Laryngitis Chronic, . . . . .         | 1   |
| Crustea Lactea, . . . . .           | 1   | Lead Palsy, . . . . .                 | 2   |
| Deafness, . . . . .                 | 1   | Leucoma, . . . . .                    | 2   |
| Debility, . . . . .                 | 11  | Leucorrhœa, . . . . .                 | 4   |
| Delirium Tremens, . . . . .         | 1   | Lithiasis, . . . . .                  | 2   |
| Diarrhœa, . . . . .                 | 47  | Lumbago, . . . . .                    | 2   |
| Diphtheria, . . . . .               | 1   | Mammæ, Inflammation of, . . . . .     | 2   |
| Dysentery, . . . . .                | 6   | Mammæ, Hypertrophy of, . . . . .      | 1   |
| Dysmenorrhœa, . . . . .             | 1   | Marasmus, . . . . .                   | 1   |
| Dyspepsia, . . . . .                | 43  | Melancholia, . . . . .                | 1   |
| Ecthyma, . . . . .                  | 1   | Menorrhagia, . . . . .                | 4   |
| Eczema, . . . . .                   | 19  | Myalgia, . . . . .                    | 1   |
| Emesis, . . . . .                   | 1   | Myringitis, . . . . .                 | 2   |
| Emphysema, . . . . .                | 4   | Necrosis, . . . . .                   | 1   |
| Epididymitis, . . . . .             | 1   | Neuralgia, . . . . .                  | 3   |
| Epilepsy, . . . . .                 | 1   | Oedema, . . . . .                     | 3   |
| Erysipelas, . . . . .               | 1   | Ophthalmia Purulent, . . . . .        | 1   |
| Erythema, . . . . .                 | 2   | “ Granular, . . . . .                 | 1   |
| False Cartilage in Joint, . . . . . | 1   | “ Conjunctival, . . . . .             | 4   |
| Fever, Bilious Remittent, . . . . . | 1   | “ Strumous, . . . . .                 | 3   |
| “ Intermittent, . . . . .           | 25  | “ Impetigenous, . . . . .             | 1   |
| “ Remittent, . . . . .              | 7   | Otalgia, . . . . .                    | 3   |
| “ Ephemeral, . . . . .              | 3   | Otisis, . . . . .                     | 2   |
| “ Scarlet, . . . . .                | 2   | Otorrhœa, . . . . .                   | 3   |
| “ Typhus, . . . . .                 | 1   | Paralysis, . . . . .                  | 2   |
| Fissure, . . . . .                  | 1   | Paralysis Agitans, . . . . .          | 2   |
| Fracture, . . . . .                 | 4   | Paronychia, . . . . .                 | 4   |
| Frostbite, . . . . .                | 2   | Parotitis, . . . . .                  | 2   |
| Furuncles, . . . . .                | 1   | Pertussis, . . . . .                  | 13  |

| DISEASE.                                                                      | NO. | DISEASE.                            | NO.  |
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| Pharyngitis, . . . . .                                                        | 4   | Synovitis, . . . . .                | 1    |
| Phthisis Pulmonalis, . . . . .                                                | 31  | Syphilis, Primary, . . . . .        | 1    |
| Pinguecula, . . . . .                                                         | 2   | Syphilis, Secondary, . . . . .      | 2    |
| Plethora, . . . . .                                                           | 2   | Syphilis, Tertiary, . . . . .       | 1    |
| Pleuritis, . . . . .                                                          | 5   | Syphilitic Tubercle, . . . . .      | 2    |
| Pleurodynia, . . . . .                                                        | 7   | Teething, . . . . .                 | 6    |
| Pleuritic Effusion, . . . . .                                                 | 1   | Tinea Capitis, . . . . .            | 1    |
| Pneumonia, . . . . .                                                          | 3   | Thrombus, . . . . .                 | 1    |
| Pregnancy, . . . . .                                                          | 7   | Tonsillitis, . . . . .              | 5    |
| Porriago, . . . . .                                                           | 8   | Torticollis, . . . . .              | 1    |
| Psoriasis, . . . . .                                                          | 8   | Tumor, . . . . .                    | 1    |
| Rhinitis, . . . . .                                                           | 1   | Tympanum, Perforation of, . . . . . | 1    |
| Retina, Congestion of, . . . . .                                              | 1   | Tympanitis, . . . . .               | 1    |
| Retina, Inflammation of, . . . . .                                            | 1   | Ulcer, . . . . .                    | 25   |
| Rheumatism, . . . . .                                                         | 45  | Uterus, Prolapsus of, . . . . .     | 3    |
| Rupia, . . . . .                                                              | 1   | Uterus, Procidentia of, . . . . .   | 1    |
| Salivation, . . . . .                                                         | 1   | Uterus, Ulceration of, . . . . .    | 1    |
| Scabies, . . . . .                                                            | 4   | Vaccination, . . . . .              | 134  |
| Serofula, . . . . .                                                           | 10  | Vertigo, . . . . .                  | 1    |
| Senectus, . . . . .                                                           | 1   | White Swelling, . . . . .           | 2    |
| Sprain, . . . . .                                                             | 3   | Worms, . . . . .                    | 37   |
| Stomatitis, . . . . .                                                         | 3   | Wound, . . . . .                    | 2    |
| Whole number of diseases treated, . . . . .                                   |     |                                     | 166  |
| Whole number of cases of disease, . . . . .                                   |     |                                     | 1030 |
| Number of patients who have been treated for more than one disease, . . . . . |     |                                     | 131  |

One year ago a resolution was passed, requesting the Attending Physicians to note in their case-books the parentage of children under ten years of age. The object of this request was to ascertain just how far we are indebted to our foreign population for this class of patients; and it is greatly to be regretted that the request has not been more generally complied with. Upon the data which have been given we obtain the following results:

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| Whole number of children less than 10 years, . . . . .    | 376          |
| Number reported parentage, . . . . .                      | 279          |
| “ not reported parentage, . . . . .                       | 97-376       |
| “ of Irish parents, . . . . .                             | 208          |
| “ of other foreign parents, . . . . .                     | 57           |
| “ of parents born in United States, . . . . .             | 14-279       |
| Children of foreign parentage (reported), . . . . .       | 95 per cent. |
| Children of Irish parentage (reported), . . . . .         | 74 per cent. |
| Children of United States parentage (reported), . . . . . | 5 per cent.  |

Another point is shown by these data:

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| The whole number of patients born in the United States is, . . . . . | 452 |
| But of these there are of foreign parentage, . . . . .               | 265 |

How far the nativity of the 97 not reported would effect these results it is impossible to state.



During the year that has just closed, the operations of the Dispensary have been carried on upon a more extensive scale than during any preceding year.

The number of applications for the relief of disease has been greatly increased, the diseases have, in many instances, been of a very serious character, and, without doubt, the amount of relief it has had the privilege of bestowing has been proportionately increased and extended.

Founded as it was, three years ago, with a humane desire to meet the pressing necessities of the indigent sick of our fast growing and populous city—looked upon by some as a probable source of unnecessary expense, and by many as a novel experiment, which would in all likelihood live its little day and then die out—it has gradually extended its influence, and expanded its action until it has become one of the most, if not *the* most useful of the charities of our city.

The best feeling, and the greatest degree of unanimity has continued to prevail among all the members of this Board. No change whatever has taken place either in the corps of Consulting or Attending Physicians.

In order that there might be a more equable distribution of patients, and that cases of any disease might receive attention every day, a new classification was made in October which went into effect on November 1st. It brings all cases of disease, except those of the Eye and Ear, under two Departments—Male and Female—each of which is daily treated. So that, though the divisions lack all relation to disease or treatment, it best meets the convenience of both the Attending Physicians and of the patients themselves.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Board have generally been well attended, and but one feeling has seemed to pervade the minds of all, namely, How is the best and most efficient manner to promote those interests for which the institution was designed? During the meeting of the Board, in October, very important preliminary measures were taken for accomplishing such an end.

From the first, it has been the earnest labor, and often repeated wish of many of the members of this Board, that upon this Dispensary as a foundation should be established the nucleus of a Hospital.

At this meeting a committee was appointed to endeavor to carry out this design. Their plan was submitted to this Board; a Hospital department was organized in connection with the Dispensary itself, and the approbation of the Common Council of our city was evinced by an appropriation sufficient to meet all present requirements. The plan which has been adopted is, without doubt, the only true one. No needless expense has been incurred, yet every present demand has been met. The idea has been, without any superfluous outlay, to be prepared for any necessity which may arise, and with the increasing necessities and demands to enlarge the accommodations, so that the completest Hospital conveniences, with the best medical attention and nursing, may be afforded to those who under the requirements are entitled to their benefits.

Heretofore, Newark has been the only city, of its population, in the United States without Hospital arrangements of some kind. Its want has been a reproach to our people, an injustice to those who might properly demand attention at our hands, and a burden to the charities of our neighbors. So that, without any undue praise on the part of this Board, may we not, with the greatest satisfaction congratulate the citizens of our city, that at least this stigma has been removed, and that the stranger, the unprotected, and the helpless may now receive at our hands that treatment and attention which a kind humanity suggests?

A. W. WOODHULL,

*Secretary of the Board.*

# Report of the Apothecary of the City Dispensary.

NEWARK CITY DISPENSARY, January, 1861.

*To the Board of Health :*

The Apothecary of the Newark City Dispensary would respectfully report that during the year ending December 31st, 1860, there were dispensed at that Institution four thousand seven hundred and twenty (4,720) prescriptions, of which number two thousand five hundred and eighty-nine (2,589) were written by the attending physicians of the Dispensary, and two thousand one hundred and thirty-one (2,131) by the District physicians, as follows :

|                          |     |                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| First District, . . . .  | 520 | Fourth District, . . . . | 254 |
| Second District, . . . . | 363 | Fifth District, . . . .  | 438 |
| Third District, . . . .  | 160 | Sixth District, . . . .  | 396 |

The whole number of prescriptions dispensed, since the commencement of the enterprise, amounts to thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty-three (13,683), of which eight thousand and four (8,004) were written by the attending physicians, and five thousand six hundred and seventy-nine (5,679) were written by the District physicians.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. P. NICHOLS, M.D.,

*Apothecary of City Dispensary.*